

TREE REMOVAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. Trees to be removed shall have their locations described precisely on the permit.
2. The Permittee shall be aware of and comply with the Fresno Municipal ordinances and the State of California Manual of Traffic Controls.
3. Streets may be barricaded prior to falling trees after notifying the proper authorities. The following agencies shall be given a 36 hours notice in advance of street closures: Fresno City Streets Division, Police and Fire Departments, Sanitation Division, Traffic Engineering Division, Valley Medical Center, all ambulance services, local residents and the City bus lines when their route is involved.
4. Main arterials shall not be barricaded nor shall the normal flow of traffic be hindered between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Exceptions will require the City Traffic Engineering approval. When electroliners, fire alarms, water lines, gas lines, overhead wires, etc., may be disturbed or damaged by tree removal, the management of such utility shall be notified at least five (5) working days in advance so that a schedule of operations may be established and executed.
5. Underground Service Alert (USA) at 1-800-642-2444 shall be notified and clearances obtained prior to any excavations.
6. All trees are to be removed in sections not to exceed 5' in length. Heavy sections and/or limbs shall be lowered to the ground using conventional roping and rigging procedures, or by use of a crane.
7. The entire tree stump and surrounding surface be removed to the satisfaction of the Streets Division. All lateral crown roots above the ground shall be removed below the adjacent ground level.
8. Any holes caused by the removal work shall be filled with soil equal to or better than that in adjacent areas. No brush, chips, stumps, rocks, hardpan chunks or otherwise unsuitable material in excess of 1/4" in diameter shall be used as backfill. Backfill at all worksites shall be mounded sufficiently to compensate for soil settling.
9. Immediately prior to performing the removal, a job briefing shall be conducted by a qualified tree worker. Such job briefing shall include the description of the hazards unique to a specific job, appropriate work procedures to be followed, work assignment and other items to ensure that the work can be accomplished safely.
10. All hazards to pedestrians and vehicles resulting from tree removal shall be safeguarded immediately. If for some reason this cannot be accomplished, the area shall be adequately barricaded and lighted until the hazard can be eliminated. Upon completion of tree removal, the area shall be left clean and free from all debris resulting from the removal operation. The entire tree, stump, and roots which have been removed shall be disposed of at a site secured by the Contractor.
11. The Permittee shall be solely responsible for all liability or damage including but not limited to damage to existing sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and private property and improvements caused by, or connected with the removal operations. All hazards created by tree removal shall continue to remain the responsibility of the Contractor until such time as the hazard has been eliminated.